

13 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AEPRIMER-1, 10 February 1958

1. The undersigned made telephone contact with Subject in New York about 1400 hours on 10 February and arrangements were made to meet with him in the lobby of the Hotel Statler at 1720 hours the same day. Subject appeared at the meeting place on time and walked with the undersigned to the Governor Clinton Hotel where a meeting/jillie in the undersigned's room.

2. Subject was asked to read and sign his contract which the undersigned brought with her. He studied it carefully and, after discussing with the undersigned the paragraphs concerning Unauthorized Commitments and Execution of Documents, he stated the terms of the contract were agreeable to him and signed the contract.

3. The sum of \$22.97 was paid to Subject to reimburse him for travel expenses incurred on his trip to Washington on 7 January 1958. An additional amount of \$122.00 was paid to Subject. This represented his salary of \$150.00 for the month of January 1958 less \$28.00 withheld for income tax purposes for monies paid to him during the 1958 accountable period; i.e., October, November and December 1957 (paid on 7 January 1958) and January 1958. Two receipts were obtained from Subject for the above stated amounts and they were turned over to DOB/Finance on 12 February 1958.

4. Subject feels he has gone as far as he could on spotting a candidate for legal travel into Byelorussia. He requested another meeting with [] to discuss the matter in greater detail. He feels it might be a good idea for him to approach an individual regarding travel to the BSSR on the basis of having the individual believe that it is he (AEPRIMER-1), in the interest of BMR, who would be financing the travel. The undersigned told him she was sure this was not the intention, that the original plan was for the individual, prior to his departure on a legal travel mission, to be briefed by "John" or another member of this staff regarding what to look for and points of interest. Subject agreed not to proceed any further in this spotting effort until he is given further instructions.

5. The proprietor of the residence in which Subject lives, Wasyl JURCENKO, ca. 30, has a son (ca. 19) living in Brest and a daughter

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a daughter living in Pinsk. The son received all his education under the Soviets. JURCENICZ has been in contact with him and has sent a parcel to him. He feels that the son, although polite in his letters, is rather indifferent in his feelings toward his father as compared with the daughter. JURCENICZ, according to AKPRIMER 1, is interested in having somebody from the States travel to the BSSR to visit his children and talk his son into coming to Poland from where JURCENICZ feels he could get him to come to the United States. The children have contact with each other and with a paternal aunt of theirs. Subject could not say why JURCENICZ was not interested in making the trip to Poland or the BSSR himself. He agreed to obtain and supply additional details.

6. Subject offered some sketchy information about a co-worker (X) who has been having mail contact with a man in Odessa through a mutual hobby of philately. The man in Odessa writes frequently and has been requesting all sorts of material from X. His latest request was for some magazines and X asked subject to recommend or obtain material for him to transmit to his correspondent. Subject gave X a copy of the magazine AMERICA which the U.S. Embassy distributes legally in the USSR and suggested that X send this to his correspondent. Subject feels that if the correspondent is innocently requesting the literature and if his mail is being checked or he is being watched, he could not be condemned for receiving AMERICA nor could X be accused of transmitting to his correspondent literature which is anti-Soviet. The father of X is a University professor of the Chinese(sic) language and is planning to attend a convention in Leningrad in early 1959. He will spend a certain amount of time at the convention and tour the Soviet Union during the remainder of his time there. X plans to spend some of his vacation with his father during his stay in Leningrad. The undersigned asked subject to obtain as much information on X as he could without revealing any undue interest, to obtain the full name of X's father, and the University at which he teaches, and the name, age and address of X's correspondent. Subject stated that X often asks him to read cancellation marks and other data on the envelopes he receives from his correspondent. Subject took special notice of the name and address of the correspondent the last time he was asked to do this and made note of the information. He promised to submit to the undersigned whatever information he has regarding the foregoing in an informal memorandum.

7. The meeting was terminated at 1820 hours. There was no date specified for the next meeting.

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